"THE DECEMBER CHRIST"

An Elequent Christmas Sermon by Rev. C. M. Oliphant—Graphic Story of His Birth and Results of Christ's

One of the many excellent Christmas sermons delivered in Wheeling pulpits yesterday was that delivered by the pastor of the First Christian church, Rev. C. M. Oliphant, to a large congre gation yesterday morning. Rev. Mr. Oliphant's sermon was eloquence itself, and was flatteringly commented on by all who heard it. The sermon substantially was as follows:

When the "Great I Am" meted out the land and sea and hung over them the sunlit arch of heaven, the morning stars sang together and the beautiful angels joyously shouted praises to the God of creation. That was a joyous hour. Earth was in her prime; the universe was there hung in the realms of space. More joyous was the time when Bethle-hem's star announced the Saviour's birth. More glorious the song of the angels, sublimer the music of the spheres, grander the bells of the universe, as they all rang out and sounded the sweet refrain, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will

The first were songs of admiration over a new world just created; the second were grateful shouts of joy over that world so long lost—man seeing the star of redemption. The heavenly messengers now say, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Good tidings are paw hough! to the aspect. toward men." w brought to the earth.

christ is a December Christ. We cel-brate December 25 as the birthday of seus. The exact date of his birth is neertain. Yet Christ is a December What does December suggest? Dark-

What does December suggest? Darkness, sorrow and hopelessness.
What was the condition of the world before the time of Christ's coming? We read of the fall of Adam. Sinners were sent forth. Men multiply sin's increase. In the midst of all a little spiritual life is preserved—like an evergreen with a waste of wintry season around it. A venerable patriarch builds here and there an attar. Time passes. The flood comes and destroys all of the world but eight souls. Ages pass, but few are faithful. Still here and there an altar is built. Moses from Sinal gives a law. This only reaches a few—the Jews. Prophecies are spoken. Not yet fulfilled. Four thousand years have rolled away. One continual chain of sorrow with but little joy. Man still sad and hopeless.

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There is a city in Judea called Bethlehem, which means "house of bread." It is the least of cites. The people are busy with their daily work. The streets are few, yet crowded with people. How will all these feel when the Messiah will come? The sun sets. The cool of the evening causes the throng to retire to their shelters. Twilight lingers about the gates. Here is an inn. It is crowded. Two strangers come from Nazareth among the hills of Galliee, overlooking the plain. They have come a great distance. They seek shelter at the fun, but it is crowded. They repair to a stable. They remain there several days. The noble countenance of the man is softened with tenderness. The pale face of the young mother is serene with a noily beauty. In a manger close by her side aleeps her babe. This babe has a heavenly smile. It is an object of beauty and worship. The mother, as she looks over her babe, wears a look of devotion and praise.

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The shepherds are keeping watch over their flocks. An angel comes from heaven and the glory of the Lord shines around them. They fear. The angel speaks and dispels their fear, telling them that the Saviour is born. He gives them the sign. With the multitude is a heavenly choir singing. The shepherds go into Bethlehem and find the young child. Whee men from the east have seen the star. They come and worship the child. What means all this? Heaven and earth move around this young child. What a contrast is here presented? A child in a manger, yet bearing the salvation of the world; a child feared and hated, yet longed for and loved; a child poor and despised, yet honored and adored; beact by danger, yet marvelously preserved; a child setting the stars of heaven, the city of Jerusalem, the shepherds of Judea, the agges of the east, all in motion, attracting the best elements of the world and repeiling all that is dark and evil, turning sorrow into joy, despair into hope.

Who is this child?
"Thou shalt call his name Jesus and he shall save his people from their sins."
How shall this child save the world?
He grows to boyhood and then to man-

hood.

His was a manhood of love. 'He went about doing good.' His blessed ministries to the sick, his services to the poor, his labor to raise the fallen, his compassion for the pittable, his cheer for the discouraged. All these indicate how he gave a new idea to the value of man. While others care for the great of earth he cared for sinners. The mother, wan and pale with incessant vigils by the bedside of 'a sick child: the fireman, maimed for life it bravely rescuing the immates of a blazing house: the 300 Spartans at the pass of Thermopylae: Howard, dying of the travely rescuing the immates of a solar highling his noble purpose of succoring the oppressed—all these instances of self-devotion but shadow forth the love of him who laid aside divine glory to dispel the darkness of sin and cheer the pathway of man.

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He made the sacrifice for sin. He died upon the cross to redeem man from all the darkness and sorrows of sin and beget us into a lively hope. The sacrifice must be that of a perfect man, sinless being. He was "the Lamb of God without spot and without blemish." The incarnation of the Son of God followed by his life of obed-lence, his denth of propitation, his resurrection in power, his ascension in glory, prove Christ to be truly a December Christ.

"A light in the darkness—a wonderful thing—

thing.

A babe in the manger, the heir of a king.
From the palace of God came a guest in
the night.

To a manger and darkness, and sorrow
and blight.
The need of a woman, the brightest and
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he blossom of ages, the promise of rest." The results of the coming of Christ

First, peace and happiness of man-kind promoted. The teaching of Jesus has dethroned oppression, abolished slavery, excluded war, extirpated fraud, banished violence and revived the withered flowers of paradisc. When he came the enfeebled world was tot-tering on its foundation. The religion which had satisfied parents was not guilficient for their children. The new generation could not repose contented within the ancient forms. A great void was occasioned in the religious world. Then the word was made flesh. God appeared among men in the person of Then the word was made flesh. God appeared among men in the person of Christ. Former ages had paved the way for this most marvelous event; the latter ages flow from it. Before the majestic orb of Christ's truth war and its sorrows vanish and peace flows like a mighty river among nations and individuals.

Second, salvation to the children of men. The song of the angels was the song of salvation. Not a soul that does not need the Christ. The sense of sin is

universal and the death sentence is upon all. Without God there is no eye to pity, no arm to save. But "with you is born this day a Saviour." "What a friend we have in Jesua."

Third, prophecy of the golden age. What a world this will be when all nations shall respond antiphonally. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!" That time is coming. The little group that came down the outer stairway in Jerusalem the night before the crucifixion mas been multiplied into the millions. The royal standards of Christ onward go.

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Doth his successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moon shall wax and wane no more."

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

The Theme of Rev. Dr. Sooy's Christ mas Sermon at the Fourth Street M. E. Church-Christmas the Festival of Joy the World over.

The morning Christmas service at

the Fourth Street M E church drew a congregation that filled the large edifice. A feature was the fine musical programme arranged for the chorus choir. The pastor, Rev. Dr. J. L. Sooy, took for his topic, "Gloria in Excelsis." His text was from Luke 11, 13-14: "And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will

God, and saying 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

"Year after year, in one genration after another. Christian hearts in everyland seem to hear once more this song of the nativity. Christians is the sacred festival event in the year's calendar. It is the festival of joy. All the world over, on this day, Christians. whatever language they speak, under what government soever they live, join to celebrate it as the day of joy. Standing as we do, to-day, at the beginning of this memorable week, the memories which crowd around its call upon us to consider some theme that will naturally unfold to us the supremacy of Jesus.

"The theme I have selected is the Gloria in Excelsis, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.' The object of Christianity is all in that proclamation. This is the sum of Christianity. You may run out each single sentence of it into a whole system of theology, you may make books about it, and have philosophy founded upon it; but, after all, you shall find the whole of Christianity to be summed up still in the song of the angelic host.

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"The message reveals two things: First, the glorification of God is the object of Christ's coming. All through His earthly career His life was the working out and development of the first element in the song of the angels: Glory to God in the highest. And as that is put at the very beginning of the song of redemption, so 'Glory to God' in the highest is the first thing to be wished for in the experience of every Christian. It is only when we allow the world to get nold of us that we find this glory becomes dimmed, and this song is not the first utterance of our heart, lips and daily life. When we fall back among the men of the world we discover that they are not pleased with the division of God's blessings which the angels make, 'Glory to God and peace to men,'—that is not the object of their ambition or striving in this world. The pride of man rather says, 'Let me have the glory.' But God says, 'I will not give my glory to another.' We may test ourselves, therefore, on this Christmas morning, by this question: Are our daily lives an embodiment of this glory to be given to God, or are they mere struggles to attain wealth and the applause of men; struggles in some way to secure, not the glory of God, but glory unto ourselves? O, how this story of the angels strikes at the roots of all base ambition and selfishness: How it bids us empty ourselves of ourselves if we would be in sympathy with Christ!

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with Christ! "Second, the second element in the "Second, the second element in the angelic song was 'Peace on earth, good will toward men.' Centuries before His advent, prophecy sung of Christ as 'the Prince of Peace.' He gave us the benedletion, 'Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God.' His valedictory was, 'Peace I leave with you.' His epitaph. 'He is our Peace.' His cause, Christianity, is specifically a mission of peace.

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man. Christ is not only the memator between God and man, but also between man and man. The age of peace is here. With Christ came peace. The laws are laws of peace; its christian religion means peace. The laws are laws of peace; the christian lome is a home of peace; the Christian lome is a home of peace; the Christian land is a land of peace; Christianity is all peace, and when the earth shall be all Christians there shall be no sound of war forever. For six thousand years God has been lifting the world up toward the realization of that hour; slowly some of the elements are rising; more rapidly others; but one day, all will be up. "All history is but helping us to interpret the apostle's great prophecy of Christ's supremacy; 'Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, things in earth, and things under the earth." "And has not this prophecy already

"And has not this prophecy already "And has not this prophecy already a partial realization? Come and look on the wide prospect. Wherever a church is built to the universal Father, the hand of Christ is laid in consecration upon its altar; wherever a bloody law is expunged from the statute books of a people, the finger of Jesus has passed in mercy across its code; wherever sounds a rebuke of slavery, a candemnation of war, a plea for the poor,

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Christ.

"Let us, then, to-day join in this angelic song. We hold this Christmas service in commemoration of what Christ has done for us. We hold in holy memory the man. Christ Jesus, and in His honor we bring our flowers, and sing our songs, and on His altar lay as our finest offering the gratitude of our happy hearts."

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

Pontifical high Mass and Vespers Celebrated in a Series of Services Very Elaborate Observance, At tended by Large Congregations. The Christmas services at the Cathe

dral were of an elaborate character. The pontifical high mass was the most vice. There were large congregations and the annual collection for St. Mary's seminary, at Estimore, netted over 4300, which is the largest amount ever raised for this purpose in Wheeling. The number of communicants was about 500. the evening was also an impressive ser-

about 500.

The first communion mass began at 5 a. m., at which Father Harris preached. Masses continued at half-hour intervals until after 3 o'clock. The pontifical high mass was celebrated at 10:30 o'clock by Rt. Rev. Bishop Donahue, who was assisted as follows: Arch priest, Rev. Henry Altmeyer; Rev. Henry Stokes, of Mt. de Chantal, deacon; Rev. Rt. F. Harris, sub-deacon; Rev. O. H. Moye, master of ceremonies. The sermon at this mass was delivered by Rev. Father Moye, whose text embraced these words: "Unto you was born a Savior, and Christ and the Lord." Father Moye developed the three offices of Christ, as clevator of the human race, the victim of the sacrifice and Lord of the Kingdom that is to come.

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The offices at the vespers were filled by the same priests as at the high mass, Hishop Donahue being the celebrant. Rev. Father Atimeyer preached a sermon on the "Incarnation," a dogmatic discourse showing that there was no contraduction between the human and divine nature of Christ.

The music at both pontifical mass and vespers was very fine, the choir singing the difficult mass with rareffect. The Opera House Orchestra assisted the choir in the rendition of the mass, and the strings further enhanced the choir's singing. The altar, which has been recently painted white and gold, was a forest of flowers and candles, presenting a beautiful appearance. The Infant's crib, typifying the birth of the Savior in the stable at Bethlehem, was stationed at the north side of the church.

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iwice a year-Christmas and Easter and as the title would imply, by none of the clergy lower than a bishop in

Christmas Festival.

The Sunday school of the German M. E. church will celebrate its Christmas E. church will celebrate its Christmas festivities to-night. Elaborate preparations have been made under the direction of Mr. Ernest R. Metzner, its efficient superintendent. There will be a richly decorated tree, speaking by the scholars, an artistic musical programme, and last but not least a gift to every scholar.

INSTALLATION TO-NIGHT Of Officers of St. Ann's Auxiliary Knights of St. John.

The installation of St. Ann's Ladies Auxiliary, No. 49, Knights of St. John which was recently organized, will take place this evening at the Cathedra school hall, and the event will attract

school hall, and the event will attract a large attendance. The ceremonies will be conducted by the organizer, J. J. Hillenbrand, assisted by other prominent Knights of St. John, as follows: John B. Loftus, C. E. Callegan, J. J. Lynch and W. A. Nelmer.

The officers of this new order to be installed are as follows: Spiritual director, Rev. O. H. Moye; president, Miss Mary J. Gilligan, first vice president, Miss Anna Miller; second vice president, Miss Patronella Develisher; corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Bertonella Develisher; corresponding secretary, Miss. Mamle Hillenbrand; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Baird; messenger, Miss Emma Flaherty.

clal entertainment will follow the installation

CHRISTMAS TO-DAY.

Public Holiday Observance will Rule All Down the Line.
To-day will be practically a public

holiday, in observance of Christmas. The banks, express offices, wholesale and retail stores will be closed, and holiday hours will rule at the postoffice.
Many people will patronize the theatres
this afternoon and evening, and several
of the churches have arranged social
entertainments, so the celebration of
Christmas to-day will be quite general.

The Game of Bunko.

"Joe" Sweeney, one of the men sus-pected of bunkeling a Tyler county pected of bunkeling a Tyler county youth, Edward Heinlein, out of \$26 in the rear of a Water street saloon, as noted in the Intelligencer, will get a hearing on that charge to-day. Jack Forsythe, who skipped to Beliatre, will be brought back as soon as requisition papers are secured. Else Gray was tried by the mayor Saturday on the bad fame act, as he had no connection with the bunkeling, and he was fined. Collins, who interfered with Officer Marshall when the latter was trying to arrest Forsythe, was sent to the hill for slx months.

A Very Sad Death.

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Yesterday occurred the death of Miss Irene Marsh, daughter of the late Joseph Marsh in the eighteenth year of her age, Miss Marsh's death was a very sad event; she was stricken suddenly by apoplexy while she was telling a friend of Christmae presents she had received and announcing her intention to attend the service at Chapline Street M. E. church, of which ahe was a member, Her father died only a year ago. The fureral will occur at Cameron on Tuesday. Friends desiring to attend may take the 10:50 a. m. Baltimore & Ohlo train at Ford's crossing.

Mrs. Adolph Knoke Dead.

Yesterday afternoon at the family home, 321 Jacob street, Scuth Side, occurred the death of Mrs. Hannah Knoke, wife of August Knoke, a well-known citizen of South Wheeling, in the sixty-second year of he# age. The funcial will occur on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment at Mount Zion Cemetery. His Jaw Broken.

Will McFarland, an employe of the for Mill blast furnace, had his jaw broken yesterdar morning, while unloading top cluders at the mill. He was using a bar in lifting the taps and it slipped, striking him under the jaw with considerable force.

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SCHOOL MELANGE.

All who went to Benwood on Tuesday night to hear Dr. Jerome H. Raymond lecture were well repaid for their It is the same lecture given at the meeting of the State Educational meeting, in Wheeling, but it can very profitably be heard the second time, and those who had heard it be-fore it enjoyed it better than they did at the first hearing. The doctor, while not an orator in the common acceptance of the term, is a fine writer and a pleasant speaker. Hs lecture abounds in good things well said, and it should be heard especially by every teacher in West Virginis. The point that he makes when he says that no one should think of attempting to teach in our public schools without a thorough academic education is one of the best points made. Our schools are suffering to-day because they are in the hands of uneducated teachers. Can the blind lead the blind? Can a man teach what he does not know? We hase too much in the matter of education. We at at the first hearing. The doctor, while empt to take short cuts to get the cov tempt to take short cuts to get the covered prise—the diploma—and expect it to carry us through life, even if our attainments are not what they should be. There is a great need of educational leaders to-day. Dr. Raymond will lecture at the next meeting of the Wheeling Teachers' Association, which will be held in High school hall, on Friday evening, January 18, 1899, at 8 o'clock. The lecture delivered at that time will be the first of a course to be given by lifm to the teachers of Wheeling it they so desire it. The doctor reports the University as prospering greatly at the present time.

"Inaccuracy in any work is fatal," is another point made by Dr. Raymond. "To know thyself is to know what work thou canst do." How many failwork thou canst do." How many fallures there are in the world to-day because those who fail are trying to do what some one else should be doing. God may call men and women to special work, but we apprehend he does it in avery different way from what many think he does. He calls all of us to prepare ourselves for life work, that we at least may be able to know what we can best do, and then he will give the courage to do it, if that is necessary. The days of quackery in all the professions are fast passing away, and they are loudly calling for trained men and women to fill them. The call is being answered, and the hear future will find all professions filled with members of the new aristocracy.

Why is not teaching counted among the learned professions to-day, and why has it not been so counted in years has it not been so counted in years past? This question is often asked. We have three learned professions, viz., the ministry, law and that of medicine, while the man that trains all of these for their work is not counted among them unless he is one of them following the work of teaching. There are two reasons for this being the case, One is that teachers themselves permit it to be so, but the great reason is with the people themselves, in permitting their children to be taught by men and women who have no professional with the people themselves, in perinting their children to be taught by men and women who have no professional training. This will not be the case in the near future. When the time comes that none but trained teachers are allowed to teach, even in our public schools, then will teaching be the learned profession, and the prefix professor will mean something more than it now does, in many instances, at least. When that good time comes Corbett and other bruisers will not be entitled to the name as they are now. Hasten the time when the new aristocracy will manage the affairs of this great land. When it does men will hold places of honor because they are men in the true sense of the word, and not because they belong to the monied aristocracy, as is much the case to-day.

Speaking of teachers' wages, some one has propounded the question: Why should teachers receive more wages to-day than they did in former times? One reason is that the trained teacher of to-day can do better work than the teacher of former times. Another reaof to-day can do better work than the teacher of former times. Another reason is that to-day there is a greater respect for the teacher's office than there was in the days gone by. Still another argument is that it takes a great deal more money to be an up-to-date teacher than it did in former times. A good teacher must now start or should start, with a good professional training. This costs money, that ought, at least yield a small interest. Then he must read journals, work on education, keep abreast of the times by reading the best literature. He must also attend summer schools. In short, he must be progressive in every way. This all costs money, and it will be forthcoming just as the people in general are made to feel that it pays every man to have competent teachers. There were just as good teachers in the past; just as good as they are to-day, but the trouble was they were very few, and the salaries pald were so small that these few did not remain very long in the profession. When the day comes that the teacher is pald according to the work done there will be more willing to remain in the work, and thus impress the communities in which they live with their influence throughout useful-lines.

Speaking of successful teaching, we wish to urge that one of the greatest drawbacks to the success of our city schools is putting young and inexperienced teachers in the first grades; putting girls, yet in their 'teens, to start the child on the road to learning. It is simply ridiculous, and the sooner our people awake to the fact the better it will be for our schools. No girl, or boy, either, for that matter, is prepared to leach the very young pupil. The most experienced teacher should be put into the lower grades of our schools, and they should be paid wages that would keep trem there. Girls in their 'teens can teach, but it would be far better that they be taught until out of their 'teens, if they expect to follow teaching as a life work. And really no one should ever dare to enter the school room to teach who does not intend to make it a life work. Am I to severe? I am speaking of the ideal school. As things are at present, we cannot have everything just as they should be in regard to our public schools.

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ENGLAND ALARMED

At the Great Strides Made by this Country in Commerce and Finan cial Affairs. LONDON, Dec. 25,—It is no exagger-

ation to assert that the foremost topic compelling attention in Europe in general, and in Great Britain in particular, overshadowing the dreary broils of domestic politics, is the remarkable, aggressive, commercial prosperity which the United States is manifesting. Hardly a newspaper review or a public speaker during the last month has

speaker during the last month has falled to notice with what giant strides America is coming into first place in the alignment of the powers. It is certainly the chief subject of conversation on Lombard stret, and on the continental bourses.

The manager of one of the greatest London banks recently drew an American business man into his private office, and said in an awe-struck tone: "This is the first time in the history of finance that New York has been in a position to dictate money rates to London, Berlin and Paris."

The bank manager added that London's purchases of American securities were, a featherweight compared with the balance of trade in New York's favor.

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James Brice, in a speech before the Lelesster chamber of commerce, sounded a warning to British manufacturers. He emphasized the fact that the exports of the United States and Germany had increased 34,000,000 pounds and 1800,000 pounds. He further pointed out that the business of the United States is developing along many important lines, while Great Britain, he added, should have held against all competitors. Mr. Brice unhesitatingly asserted that the United States could produce rails cheaper than Great Britain and said he saw no possibilities of opening new markets except in China.

Great Britain seems to have become reconciled to the capture of the iron markets by the United States. American firms are uniformly successful in bidding against the British firms. The Carnegie company and the Illinois Steel Company have opened extensive offices in London, and are making invoads upon the British preserves. Millard Hunsiker, the Carnegie representative, has contracted for 30,000 tons of rails for the Coolgardie road, Australia, and the company was unable to undertake the contract for 30,000 tons for rails for the Condany was unable to undertake the contracts in connection with Russia's extensive railroads alarms manufacturers here and elsewhere. Consuls assert all Europe is swarming as never before with the agents of American manufacturers for steel, street railroads, electrical apparatus and all kinds of machinery who are leading the commercial invasion.

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The reports of attempts to float a Russian loan in New York have been received skeptically here. Several financiers said that Russia tried to raise money in London. Paris. Berlin and Amsterdam, possibly with the view of reaping incidental political advantages. But, it is admitted, it is a question of a short time when capitalists will have to reckon with New York as a competitor in high finance.

The Dally Chronicle comments upon the fact that American capitalists "have the courage of their financial opinions if they think they know the European situation better than the capitalists of the Old World."

AMUSEMENTS.

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There is much said and written to-day concerning child study. This has been mentioned several times in these serticles, and we have suggested that much of it is mere twaddle. But while believing this to be so, still we believe there is much in it, and that the true teacher will get much aid out of the careful study of the children under her. When we say "careful" study we mean everything the word implies. But it is not the intention to enlarge on this subject-merely to call attention to the fact that these holiday times bring out the leading traits of child character to perfection, and the wise teacher will take advantage of all of these opportunities. By questioning the very small pupils concerning Christmas the answer given will generally show their home training, something which is very important for the teacher to know, in order that her teaching shall be the success it ought to be.

Speaking of successful teaching, we wish to urge that one of the greatest

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